

I heard that the FCC has a proposal under consideration to preempt state Telephone Privacy laws in favor of one national standard. I'm writing to sincerely explain that of the thousands of state laws that have been enacted throughout my lifetime so far, NONE have made a noticeable improvement in my life more than Indiana's "Telephone Privacy" law.

Until Indiana's Telephone Privacy law went into effect, I was so annoyed by unsolicited phone calls that I started counting the calls to see just how many were invading our home. The number of unsolicited calls ranged between a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 33 calls EVERY WEEK! As a parent of a newborn baby, these calls were especially annoying since 4 out of 5 naps were ended by a phone call from someone who's only goal is to sell us something.

It has been much easier to count the number of unsolicited calls received since the day that Indiana's Telephone Privacy law was enacted. We now only receive an average of perhaps one unsolicited call every 2 to 3 months! What a relief! I strongly urge the FCC to avoid preempting state Telephone Privacy laws. In fact, rather than adopting national standards, give other states a chance to examine Indiana's highly successful Telephone Privacy law so that they can consider adopting these standards for themselves.

Apparently telemarketers are aware that the FCC is considering the preemption our state law, because, after having only received a total of 4 or 5 unsolicited telemarketing calls over the past 12 months, I've already been hit with 5 such calls since yesterday morning. Two of which arrived while I was typing this letter. The second of which woke my toddler from a much needed nap. Grrrrr!